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For: Multiple Degrees of Freedom Connectors  
and Adapters

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED UNDER 37  
C.F.R. § 1.97(C)**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with this Office's waiver of the provision of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of U.S. patents for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 (see 1276 O.G. 55), no copies of the US patent references are included. Copies will however be submitted upon request.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), or that such information constitutes prior art.

As provided by 37 CFR 1.97(c), this information disclosure statement is believed to be timely filed for consideration by the Office because it is being filed by the applicant:

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☒ it is accompanied by one of:

- ☐ (1) a statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; **OR**  
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered and made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner initial the appropriate spaces on the Form 1449 to evidence the same

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